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AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS (ITEM 71)

1. FRENCH AMENDMENTS (A/C.3/31/L.58) REPRESENT CONSIDER-
ABLE IMPROVEMENT TO BYELORUSSIAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (A/C.3/31/L.55). USDEL AUTHORIZED
TO SUPPORT THESE AMENDMENTS. IF THEY ARE ADOPTED AND IF
MAJORITY OF EC-9 COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
AMENDED RESOLUTION, YOU MAY JOIN IN THAT SUPPORT. IF
FRENCH AMENDMENTS NOT ADOPTED, YOU SHOULD ABSTAIN ON
RESOLUTION.

2. WHETHER YOU ABSTAIN OR VOTE IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTION
YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

(A) THE U.S. ABSTAINED LAST YEAR ON RESOLUTION 3384
CONTAINING THE DECLARATION ON THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC AND
TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE AND FOR
THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND BECAUSE IT FAILED TO GIVE ADEQUATE
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ATTENTION TO THREATS TO BASIC INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP RIGHTS

THROUGH MISUSE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS. OUR OBJECTIONS ON THAT SCORE STILL STAND.

(B) WE BELIEVE THAT ANY APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD BE AS WIDELY BASED AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESENT RESOLUTION, IN OUR VIEW, FOCUSES TOO NARROWLY ON THE DECLARATION ADOPTED LAST YEAR AND FAILS TO GIVE DUE PROMINENCE TO MANY OTHER UN ACTIONS THAT UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING PERSONAL RIGHTS.

3. THE USE OF THE WORD "INSTRUCTS" IN OPERATIVE PARA 2 STRIKES US AS CURIOUS, SINCE THE GA DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER LEGALLY TO INSTRUCT A SPECIALIZED AGENCY. WE TAKE THE REAL IMPORT TO BE "REQUESTS." ROBINSON

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